DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **DISTRIBUTED RAMAN AMPLIFIER MODULE AUTO-SETUP**, the specification of which:

X	is attached hereto.
	was filed on as
	Application Serial No
	and was amended on if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section Express Mail Label No. ET671187340US, Date of Mailing 12/13/2001

119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

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Country	<u>Number</u>	Date Filed	Yes	No
I hereby claim t	he benefit un	der Title 35, United States	Code Section 120	of any
United States ap	plication(s) lis	ted below and, insofar as t	ne subject matter of	each of
the claims of this	s application is	s not disclosed in the prior	United States applic	ation in
the manner prov	ided by the fir	rst paragraph of Title 35, U	Inited States Code,	Section
112, I acknowle	dge the duty t	to disclose material informa	ation as defined in T	Title 37,
Code of Federal	Regulations,	Section 1.56(a) which occu	rred between the fili	ng date
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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